

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & CO., LIMITED.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

WE have received a small shipment of REAL DEVONSHIRE CIDER from Symonds & Co., Totnes, Devon, in splendid condition.

SYMONIA CIDER,

\$2.50 per dozen.

CHAMPAGNE CIDER,

\$2.50 per dozen.

ZAMENE CIDER,

\$2.50 per dozen.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 20th August, 1892.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

AERATED WATERS.

GINGER ALE.

LEMONADE.

LEMON SQUASH.

LITHIA WATER.

PHOSPHORIC CHAMPAGNE.

POTASH WATER.

RASPBERRYADE.

SARSAPARILLA.

SELTZER-WATER.

SODA WATER.

TONIC WATER.

IN the Manufacture of these Waters the purest ingredients only are used, and the utmost care and cleanliness exercised throughout. The water used is subjected to a perfect system of filtration, daily examinations and periodically to ascending chemical analyses; so that absolute purity and safety are guaranteed.

FOR COAST PORTS.

Waters are packed and placed on board at Hongkong, and the full amount allowed for Packages and Emities when returned in good order.

SUMMER BEVERAGES.

FRUIT CORDIALS.—Raspberry, Strawberry, Lime, Damson, Black Currant, Red Currant, Pine Apple, Orleans Plum, Morella Cherry and Gooseberry.

FRUIT SYRUPS.—Lemon, Lime Juice, Raspberry, Strawberry, &c.

Prepared from genuine fruit juices imported by ourselves, they contain the full flavour of the season ripe fruit, mixed with plain or Aerated Water, they make delightful summer drinks.

MONTERRAT LIME JUICE & CORDIAL.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

Port, Sherry, Brandy, Burgundies, Hocks, Champagne, Brandy, Whiskies, Gin, Rum and Liqueurs.

A large selection of choice old brands. Full particulars and prices on application.

TOBACCO, CIGARS AND CIGARETTES.

A complete stock of all the best and most popular brands.

VIN DE QUINQUINA.

A medicinal wine AGREEABLE TO THE TASTE containing the valuable properties of the Chinese Bank combined with a choice brand of Red Wine.

Its powerful aperient qualities tend to ward off attacks of Malaria fever and to all convalescents it acts as a quick restorative and appetizer.

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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

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Hongkong, 21st July, 1892.

DEATH.

At "The Bungalow," Robinson Road, Hongkong, on September 1st, Captain G. T. HOPKINS, manager of the Scottish Oriental Steamship Co., aged 65 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1892.

ANOTHER BANK SCARE.

It was currently reported in Chinese business circles this morning that there was a screw loose with the Chartered Bank of India, London and China, and as a consequence of this rumour the Bank's notes were refused in various quarters. On making careful inquiries at headquarters a representative of the Telegraph found that there were no grounds whatever for any panic and that the Bank was fully prepared to cash all their notes, as presented, and further that the other local Banks made no demur about accepting to any extent Chartered Mercantile paper at its face value.

It is generally accepted as a truism that there is never smoke without fire; but admitting the somewhat uncertain position of banking business in the Far East just now, there would appear to be but the faintest grounds, if any at all, for the unfavorable rumours that have been in local circulation regarding the Chartered Mercantile Bank for some months past. We have received assurances which cannot reasonably be questioned, that there are no grounds whatever for such out justification. No doubt the suspension of the New Oriental Bank, the huge losses sustained by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, the anything but satisfactory position of the Bank of China, Japan and the Straits, and the numerous failures of Chinese banking institutions, greatly contributed to the feeling of insecurity which led to the two or three

ridiculous rushes on certain perfectly solid European banks and created so great a temporary sensation in commercial circles a short time since; but whilst caution in such shaky times is to be commended, the folly of creating unnecessary scares in our limited financial world, on the strength of unsupported rumours, is too apparent to require argument and cannot be too strongly deprecated. It was currently reported in Yokohama the other day, on the strength of an alleged private telegram from Hongkong, that our great local bank had "put up the shutters." It was also rumoured that a well-known Hongkong financier, one of the most solid men in the colony, had "skipped" on account of some involved business in reference to certain gigantic share transactions. Both rumours were, of course, without a vestige of truth, and could only have emanated from some thoughtless mischief-maker, who was painfully lacking in commonsense; but they nevertheless had many believers and created a sensation. This Chartered Mercantile Bank *casualty* is much of the same stamp, and we only refer to it to convey a word of warning to our Chinese friends not to be misled in matters which may become of serious importance, by the chatter of the ignorant or the designs of the unscrupulous.

TELEGRAMS.

THE CHOLERA FLEW ON THE WAR-PATH.

LONDON, September 1st.

Terrible confusion prevails in Hamburg, owing to the rapid spread of cholera, which is accompanied by fearful mortality. The supply of doctors and nurses is quite inadequate, and a thousand deaths are already reported. The hospital corridors are blocked with corpses, and four hundred remain unburied in one shed.

CHOLERA IN HAVRE.

LONDON, August 25th.

It is reported that cholera has broken out in Havre.

RE-ELECTION OF SIR W. V. HARCOURT.

Sir W. Vernon-Harcourt was re-elected M.P. for Derby by a majority of nearly five thousand votes.

[Yet Reuters telegraphed on the 20th August that Mr. John Morely would be the only Minister to be opposed on re-election. The poll at Derby, which returns two members, stood thus in July:—Sir W. Harcourt (G), 7,507; Sir R. (G), 7,391; W. B. Hextall (C), 5,545; Sir A. A. Haslam (L), 5,593.]

MR. MUNDELLA AND NEW TAXATION.

Mr. A. J. Mundella, speaking at Sheffield, said that new taxation will probably be necessary.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The Spanish consul has favoured us with a copy of a telegram received this morning, as follows:—

MAMILA, September 2nd.

There is a distant depression, north-east of Luzon.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Thibet* left Bombay for this port on the 27th ult.

THE half-yearly report of the Shamen Hotel and Land Co., Ltd., will be found in another part of this issue.

AN editorial on the Transit Pass Question is unavoidably held over pending receipt of certain important details from Canton.

LIEUTENANT Commander Clover, Chief Hydrographer of the United States Navy Department, estimates that the cost of a cable between the Pacific Coast and Hawaii will be \$12,000 per mile.

As will be seen by our advertising columns, the Stanley Opera Company will give their farewell performances in Hongkong on Thursday and Friday next, the 8th and 9th inst. Full particulars will be announced in due course.

HIGHWAYMAN (after searching his victim in vain)—Vote ye, trade, anyhow.

Victim an editor of the *China Mail*. Highwayman—Poor devil! Take this dollar and get a decent coat!

THE Bank of Bombay realised a net profit of Rs. 832,000 during the first half of the present year. In addition to carrying two lakhs to the Reserve fund, Rs. 15,000 to a Pension fund, and Rs. 16,000 to a new account, the Bank paid a dividend of ten per cent. free from income tax out of its legitimate earnings.

THE Bank Cashier: "You insist on my having a fortune before I marry your daughter?" The Bank President: "I do, sir." The Bank Cashier (leaving): "Very well, sir; I shall have one before this evening. And by the way—you will have no objection to the ceremony taking place in Canada?"

At the Police Court this forenoon a distinguished foreigner rejoicing in the name of David Feakalstein appeared before Mr. Woodhouse and charged by a fair but frail denizen of the Rue, Koon Oop My Love named Annie Apsley with unlawfully and with malice aforethought appropriating twenty-five shillings of silver, the property of the said lady. Annie smiled sweetly on her Worship and David was sent inside, with the option of providing two societies of \$25 each to turn up at 10 a.m. on Monday next.

Rev. Deolitte Dubbs—Captain, I'd like to return my ticket and take a transfer to the *Parthian*. It isn't so nice a boat, but I am told it is safer.

Captain—All right, Sir.

Rev. D. D.—Good-by, Captain; and before going allow me to give you my little tract, entitled "A True Christian Never Fears Death."

(Five minutes after it is off.)

THERE is no further news of the release of Dr. Rizal by the Spanish authorities, and the Spanish Consul at this port doubts the veracity of the report that the Government of the Philippines received instructions from Madrid to release the hapless Doctor. The report was, it is now feared by the Doctor's friends, a mere canard published with a view to calming troubled waters and putting the inhabitants of the Philippines off the scent. Poor Rizal is possibly dead by this time, and buried in an unheeded grave in the southern part of the modern *Yankee* dominions. The Consul remains on the subject will be found in another part of this issue.

THE tone of the local Share Market has been slightly firmer to-day, but business continues in a deplorably stagnant condition.

THE latest advertising dodge in America is that of a merchant in Chicago who exhibits a pair of live Japanese babies in his front window.

THE Agents (Messrs. Dodwell, Casill & Co.) inform us that the Northern Pacific Steamship Co.'s chartered steamer *Danawaga* arrived at Yokohama yesterday from Tacoma, and leaves to-day for Hongkong via ports.

A RECENTLY designed incandescent electric lamp, supported by springs, is intended for use in carriages and other vehicles. The current is to be supplied from a storage battery carried under the seat or in any convenient place.

FOR attempting to bribe Prain Singh, P.C. No. 577, with ten ten-cent pieces in Market Street, in connection with a gambling racket, Un Sol To, a school-boy, was fined \$5, with the alternative of fourteen days' hard labour, by Mr. H. E. Woodhouse at the Magistrate's morning.

Smith—Do you remember Miss Ankwright, with whom we used to dance so often?

Jones—Perfectly. She was pretty, but fanciful as the mischief, light and foolish, and I often said to myself, I pity the man who marries her.

Smith—I married her three years ago.

A RELIABLE correspondent informs us that Lo tick Pang, the abominable companion of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, was seen in Canton a couple of days ago, looking as jolly as ever. Curiously enough Mr. Lo tick Pang doesn't seem to be "wanted" by the A. I. Court of Directors. Why?

A TONKIN contemporary says:—We learn from that the on the border of Tonkin and Kwang, that on the 12th August 400 Chinese, almost all belonging to the regular frontier army of Kwang, made a sudden raid into the plain of Thak-lhe, with the object of storming the garrison and burning the important town of Caophong. Steps were at once taken to protect the inhabitants, who were naturally alarmed.

SHEK YAU wants to know if Hongkong is the boasted free port we hear so much of. His reasons for this not unparadoxical curiosity were elucidated at the Magistrate's morning, when for having in his possession six taels of opium dross, without a permit from the Opium Farmer, he was fined a couple of dollars, with the alternative of free board and lodging for fourteen days. No, Shek Yau, Hongkong is not a free port by any means, or you would not at the present moment be languishing in duance ville.

TO-DAY'S SHIPPING RETURNS.

Inward.

Steamer, from Holow.

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THE local Tenjyoon who has sent as "The Song of the Bird" has omitted to favor us with his name and address. Meanwhile we are sharpening the family meat-axe.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s Royal mail steamer *Empress of Japan*, Capt. G. A. Lee, left Vancouver on Wednesday afternoon last for this port, via Yokohama, Kobe and Shanghai.

THE number of persons who died from consumption in Tokio during last year was 2,500, of which 1,613 males and 452 females lived in the urban districts, and 213 males and 218 females in the rural districts.

WOULD-BE WAG—There's one share which never loses in value and which, properly handled, will always yield a living—

CROWD OF HUNGRY BROKERS—WHAT IS IT? W.B.W.—A plough-share!

A BANGKOK contemporary announces, on behalf of A. Markwald & Co. of that port, that on the arrival of the tank steamer *Muray*, expected on or about August 31st, Russian refined nectroleum will be on sale at two ticals per ten gallons.

"THANK heaven," sighed the editor, "for Sunday day of rest! It is such a relief to see Sunday come round." "Yes, dear," said his good wife, "Now, strap the twins on your back, take Molly and the basket in your arms and we'll walk three miles to church."

The summer now begins to wane

And aged maids who've tried in vain

To fish for men, but never caught 'em,

New dresses plan to show their charms

And so attract a lover's arms

Some half-lit evening in the autumn.

SPAIN has decided to farm out the Cuban customs revenue. This, remarks a San Francisco contemporary, will probably make the last state of that unhappy island worse than the first. The farmer will have to satisfy Spanish Government rapidly and his own greed will put the keenness of private enterprise into the work of getting everything possible out of the business. The Cuban revolutionists now reported to be active in the United States will find a new incentive in this movement.

THE *Progres de Saigon* of 24th August publishes a vividly coloured picture of the ruined temples of Angkor, which would be of interest according to French ideas. There are several other pictures in the supplement, crimson kites, scarlet steeds, violet horses, pink and green elephants, and gorgeous palaces all the most striking colours of the rainbow. In the same issue of the *Progres* is a political article showing reasons why France should annex the eastern and southern parts of Siam. Truly journalism is advancing in the French colonies!

The prisoner was before the Judge for assault.

"What did you strike the prosecutor for?"

Inquired the Court, sternly.

"He's a dead-beat, your Honor, that pesters the life out of me," confessed the prisoner.

"That's none of your business. What did you strike him for?"

"He struck me first, your Honor."

"The Court is not a prosecutor."

"How is that?" he asked.

"I did not do anything of the sort, your Honor."

"He did, your honor," interrupted the prisoner, "he struck me for \$5."

"Five dollars and costs," remarked the Court, "and call the next case."

"CHECKED." In reply to your letter of complaint, we really can't say how long it is since the cumbersome columns of absolute trash in the *Daily Press* and *China Mail*, headed "Market Prices" were last subjected to the process of correction up to date. Of course they are useless to you or any one else and you ought by this time to have known better than to check your fifty cents worth of your hand-turned wheels in the purchase of a copy of those drossy peasant in simple faith of saving money at the market. With reference to your request that we should furnish our readers with a reliable weekly list of Market Prices corrected up to date, we simply have to tell you straight that we have no space to allot to anything of the kind, even were it possible to get true and *bona fide* quotations from Chinese brokers and others, which it is, however, utterly impossible to do—and "Granny" or "Brownie" ought to have said so, and probably do (to their cost) but find the "latest" Market Prices useful padding for their illustrated Saturday supplements of patent medicine pictures. And now, old chap, our advice to you is to take a copy of this issue round to "Brownie," mark this paragraph and ask what he means by imposing on the good nature of a confiding, albeit more or less indigent public.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before Mr. H. E. Pollock, Acting Putna Judge.)

September and.

JOHN MITCHELL v. ROBERT FRASER-SMITH.

This is an action by Mr. John Mitchell, described as a marine engineer and surveyor, for \$1,000 as damages for alleged libel published by the *Hongkong Telegraph*. Mr. Hastings (Wotton & Deacon) appeared for the plaintiff, and defendant was absent and unrepresented.

Mr. Hastings asked for a day to be fixed for the case. He said that pleadings were ordered and plaintiff's petition was filed and served on defendant, but no answer had been made, and the time had expired about three weeks ago.

[This statement is incorrect as the defendant, who was absent in Japan when the petition was filed, has not been served with copy yet.]

In reply to his Lordship, Mr. Hastings said that notice of this application was given to the defendant. An order had already been made for a special jury.

His Lordship accordingly fixed Monday week (21st September) at 10 a.m., for the hearing of the suit.

V. R. C. AQUATIC SPORTS.

There was a very moderate attendance this afternoon, owing to the depressing state of the weather. The band of the 1st. Shropshire Light Infantry played a selection of popular music during the intervals. The results were as follows:—

FIRST DAY (FRIDAY).

1.—DIVING FOR OBJECTS (two prizes). Hayward, W. Stoppel, and F. Lammett, tied, each second, third, Hayward (5) winner, Lammett (4) and.

2.—TWO LENGTHS HANDICAP, under 17 (w.p.). 1st Miller (5 sec); 2nd A. Alves, also started.

months. It was therefore impossible for him to have had any say in the matter. Again, I say, I don't believe that the Madrid authorities have ordered Rial's release. He is, I believe, in the South.

"Thank you for such a full explanation, which I will report to my chief who, I feel sure, will be most happy to publish any statement on the subject which his Excellency the Captain-General may see fit to forward to him through the intermediary of the Secretary."

In reply the Consul said: "You can publish what I have said as a statement by his Excellency for I, his representative here, am in a position to make a statement for him."

And then our representative withdrew after thanking Sir R. Orla for the courteous reception accorded him.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

The following telegrams from our various exchanges were crowded out of last night's issue:

LONDON, August 31st.
The formal investiture of Archbishop Vaughan of Westminster took place in the cathedral to-day. The pontifical used in the ceremony was brought to this city from Rome about a week ago by Monsignor Simon. This is the first investiture of the kind that has taken place in London since Cardinal Pole was invested in the reign of Queen Mary.

Gladstone passed a good night. Sir Andrew Clark, his physician, called upon him at noon to-day. To a reporter the physician stated that he was satisfied with the progress toward recovery, but that Gladstone was not yet entirely rid of his cold and must spend at least another day in his bedroom. He is permitted, however, to receive callers on urgent business.

A petition has been filed against the return of Balfour as member of Parliament for the east division of Manchester, on the ground that bribery was resorted to in the election.

PARIS, August 31st.
The returns of the triennial elections held in the provinces of France yesterday for Councils-General, received from 153 districts, show a Republican gain of 110.

Additional returns, bringing the total of districts reported to 184, show the election of 977 Republicans and 872 Conservatives, a gain for the former of 150 seats.

Several morning papers report that an attempt was made last night to blow up with dynamite several buildings in Versailles. So far, diligent inquiry fails to connect the rumor.

ST. PETERSBURG, August 31st.
Cholera has made its appearance in the prison of Tomsk, capital of the government of that name in Western Siberia. Already ten cases and eight deaths have been reported by the prison authorities.

BERLIN, August 31st.
The political speech made by Prince Bismarck in Jena yesterday is being freely criticised in this city. The *Tagblatt*, commenting on the remarks of the ex-Chancellor, says: "It is in every way the most notable utterance he has given since he quit office. In demanding that the convictions of the people be considered more important than the will of the monarch, which an absolutist caprice renders impossible, Prince Bismarck must have introduced the idea of a Parliamentary regime, although he did not use those exact words. Against the new Bismarck the Liberals will have less to say than against the former Bismarck."

TORONTO, August 31st.
Sir John T. Simpson leaves town to-day and it is rumored that he will make an unannounced visit to Washington to endeavor to secure a pledge from the President that he will not issue his proclamation until an opportunity has been given the Canadian Government to hear from England.

HALIFAX (N. S.), August 31st.
Nineteen Chinese arrived here yesterday in bond, having come from China via the Pacific and across the continent. They are booked for Havana and will work on the plantations.

HAMBURG, August 31st.
Luchmann's iron foundry has been destroyed by fire. Loss, 1,000,000 marks.

LONDON, August 31st.
A dispatch to the *Times* from Calcutta says that three detachments of Russian troops have occupied the Panjab region as far down as Hindu Kush, holding the country from which Colonel Vassoff of the Russian army retired last year.

The news has excited considerable interest, and it is believed that this sudden activity is due to the success of Mr. Gladstone in the elections and the conclusion at St. Petersburg that he will not be as active as Lord Salisbury in obstructing Russian aggression.

The aggression of the Russians has caused much stir in the Foreign Office, and it is said that Lord Salisbury is actively engaged upon the matter.

The chief sufferers by the present Russian aggression are China and Afghanistan. China is, perhaps, the larger loser, and her history in Central Asia shows that there is no part of her empire in regard to which she is more sensitive than that in Central Asia, or for the retention of which she is more willing to perilsously fight.

Afghanistan will also be a considerable loser and here the obligations of Great Britain come into play. The Russians are practically trying to substitute the southern headwaters of the Oxus for the more northern one agreed to as the demarcating line in 1873, and to inclose the immense tract intervening between the two rivers.

To this great absorption of territory, chiefly at the expense of China, they have added a further encroachment upon Afghanistan by drawing a geographical line across Badkshan and claiming as their own the territory which lies north of it up to the line of the Oxus agreed to in 1873.

It is scarcely necessary to repeat that whole-sale annexation of this sort cannot be permitted, by China, Afghanistan or by England.

Gladstone, in a circular to his Parliamentary supporters, urges them to attend the election for Speaker of the House of Commons on Thursday, and especially urges all to be present on Monday next, when the address is moved in reply to the speech from the throne.

Gladstone is so much improved to-day that he has arisen and is with his secretary in the study.

The *News* says it understands that the Government will object to Michael Davitt taking a seat in the House of Commons on the ground that he has not completed the full term of his sentence on a criminal charge.

The *Chronicle's* St. Petersburg correspondent learns that over 50,000 persons died of cholera in the Russian Caucasus in July.

A dispatch to the *Times* from Teheran, Persia, says: Medical reports show that 5,000 persons died of cholera in Meshed during June and July, being thirty per cent of the number of persons attacked.

The Earl of Bathurst is dead. He was born in 1832 and succeeded his uncle as sixth Earl on February 24, 1878.

to stand trial. Four friends of the principals, who acted as seconds, were also committed, charged with being accessories to the killing of Captain Mayer.

ST. PETERSBURG, August 31st.
It is again reported that the cholera has appeared in Moscow. The epidemic is decreasing in the Volga district, but is increasing in the Don territory. The disease is further advanced in Central Russia.

An important change is impending in the method of conducting the Central Government. The Emperor, according to the new arrangements, will appoint directly the Minister-President, who will distribute the ministerial portfolios himself and will be alone responsible to the Emperor. Mr. Abaza will probably be the first President appointed.

PANAMA, August 31st.
A telegraphic dispatch has been received here saying that the directors have signed a convention with a syndicate headed by the President of the Chamber of Commerce to finish the work on the canal.

BERLIN, August 31st.
Caprivi has made a bold attempt to destroy Bismarck, to discredit Count Waldersee and to retain imperial favor. He has, it would appear, failed signally and now, instead of being an attack on the chief foe, he is engaged in defending his own place, a task which may prove too hard for him.

No sooner had the Emperor returned from his Norwegian trip than the Chancellor renewed his assault on Bismarck and Waldersee. He now seems to hate the latter as fiercely as he does the ex-Chancellor. Recalling the success of his former efforts he presaged his master with another bundle of over 500 hostile newspaper articles, clipped chiefly from the foreign press and including various extracts from the *Herald*. These articles were accompanied by an elaborate report which, it was hoped, would convince the Emperor of the malignity and baseness of the two men to whom the inspiration of the criticisms in the papers were attributed by the Chancellor.

I understand that Caprivi, who was laboring under considerable excitement at the time, took special pains to direct attention to the attacks which were more particularly aimed at the Emperor, and endeavored to convince his majesty of the necessity of vigorous action. The Emperor was advised by the Chancellor to have recourse to legal measures and stop the press war which had been raging for weeks.

Thanks to the intervention of a more temperate counselor, perhaps Count Philipp Eulenburg, his majesty declined to take Caprivi's advice and the latter was brought to understand that public opinion would not be with him if he went much further in his present policy.

The *Politische Zeitung* asserts that the Minister of the Interior, Herr Fath, has decided to resign his portfolio, in consequence of differences between himself and Dr. Miquel, Minister of Finance. It is also said that Von Fathenber, president of the Prussian Ministry, will succeed Herr Fath.

The trial of Rudolph Jaeger, who embezzled 1,700,000 marks from the Rothschilds, began to-day.

VIENNA, August 31st.
The *Neue Freie Presse* publishes the details of a scheme, elaborated by Professor Sommer, to harmonize the monetary systems of the world. The professor recommends that the coming international monetary conference agree that no gold coin containing less than 2,865 grams of fine gold be allowed to be coined or circulated in the contracting countries; that silver be coined in the proportion of twenty value units of silver to one of gold; that silver be legal tender up to 50 cents, and that silver coins not of a fixed standard of purity be withdrawn from circulation.

Professor Sommer considers that everything depends upon the attitude of Great Britain.

BRUSSELS, August 31st.
The *Independence Belge* of this city says that the frauds perpetrated by Henry B. Ryder, United States Consul at Copenhagen, who is now under arrest there, amount to 200,000 kroners.

In response to a telegram from the Danish Government, the United States authorities have cabled to the officials at Copenhagen to proceed to examine and prove the allegations against the Consul and render judgment in the case in accordance with Danish law. It is said Consul Ryder and his wife have been very extravagant.

TACOMA (Wash.), August 31st.
Three Chinese merchants were quietly allowed into Tacoma to-day to establish a house to trade with China over the new Northern Pacific Railroad trans-Pacific steamship line. The laboring men of the city have been greatly agitated over the proposition to admit Chinese merchants, since it was first made several weeks ago, and an exciting mass meeting was held on the street at which there was great disorder and Mayor Hays, Judge Parsons and other prominent pro-Chinese speakers were almost hooted from the stand by the laboring men, who were in a large majority in the audience. The Mayor has also declared that he would extend all the law and power at his command to protect the lives and property of the Chinese should they be brought in.

The afternoon papers made no mention of the arrival of the Chinese, although their presence was known to them. The laboring men, however, it is believed, will be informed of their arrival to-night, and the situation is considered rather doubtful and threatening. Laboring men thought not exactly organized for the purpose, are supposed to have leaders, and it is thought that an attempt will be made to expel the Chinese as happened several years ago. These three are the first Chinese that have dared to come to Tacoma.

It is anticipated in certain quarters that an attempt will be made late to-night to run out the Chinese, and trouble is feared. The State militia of the city has been prepared for several days to turn out on very short notice if necessary, and the protection of the police force will also be given to the Chinese.

ALGERIA, August 31st.
A strong stroke prevails throughout Algeria. The heat has reached 105 Fahrenheit in the shade and a severe drought is threatened. Many forest fires are raging in different parts of the country.

COWES, August 31st.
Emperor William arose early this morning for the purpose of sailing his yacht *Helwig* for the race to-day. At 10 o'clock the contest for the Queen's Cup began. The yacht made a flying start. The *Helwig* was the first to cross the line. The wind was light.

Soon after the start the *Helwig* took the lead, which she held over the entire course. The *Corvair*, however, which carried the finishing line second, was declared the winner on the time allowance.

LONDON, August 31st.
The *Chronicle's* Paris correspondent says the committee on the Concord at recommends the gradual abolition of seven archbishoprics and seventeen bishoprics of France, as the sees become vacant.

NEW YORK, August 31st.
The steamship *Tuolome* arrived this morning, making the trip across the Atlantic in 5 days 15 hours and 20 minutes. On August 24th the vessel was compelled to slow down three hours, owing to the fog. The best run in one day was 52 miles, ending at noon yesterday. This beats the record for a single day's run.

ST. PETERSBURG, August 31st.
After the suppression of the riot in Tashkent several thousand insurgents fled from the city and tried to cross the province of Syrdaria into Ferghana, but were repulsed by local troops. The insurrection has spread to Ferghana and the position of the Russians there is critical, as they do not possess sufficient men to cope with the insurgents, part of their force having gone to Samarkand.

It has been learned that the Tashkent riots were not due solely to cholera, but that they were partly due to religious excitement caused by orders from the Governor interfering with the rites in the mosques.

One death has occurred here from Asiatic cholera. At Nijni-Novgorod, the disease is decreasing, and many workmen who fled in flight are returning.

Cholera has appeared in the government of Korea, in the northern part of the peninsula. It is the most densely populated of any government in Russia, having about 2,000,000 inhabitants.

The epidemic continues to increase in Asiatic Russia. In Tobolsk fifty-nine new cases and thirty-nine deaths were reported on August 31st. In consequence of the cholera in Russia the schools are all closed till September. Medical students will be sent to the infected districts to help fight the disease.

DUBLIN, August 31st.
At a meeting of leading members of the Parnellite party to-day it was agreed that a petition should be issued protesting against the return of Michael Davitt and Patrick Follan, anti-Parnellites, to the House of Commons from the north and south divisions of Meath respectively. This action is taken on the ground that their election was brought about by undue influence exercised by priests over the electors.

COWES, August 31st.
Emperor William's yacht again sailed for the race to-day, being beaten in the race for the Squadron prize by the *Furva*. In the race for the Australian Cup Prince Henry's yacht, the *Irma*, was beaten by the *Queen Mab*.

BERLIN, August 31st.
An explosion in a shed containing dynamite at the powder factory at Hohenzollern, near Koenigsberg, killed three persons and did great damage to buildings. The killed were blown nearly to pieces.

OTTAWA (Ont.), August 31st.
The Minister of the Interior has given orders for the vaccination of all children and others on the Indian reserves this side of the Rocky mountains.

CATANIA, August 31st.
The eruption of Mount Etna diminished somewhat Monday, but yesterday there were signs of renewed activity. Fresh streams of lava are flowing down the mountain sides, but the subterranean rumblings and discharge of ashes from the craters are less violent.

THE ARIZONA KICKER.

Our last issue we stated that Tom Jordan, proprietor of the Bald Eagle saloon, had to leave Montana for gouging Bill Jordan's right eye out in a saloon row. Mr. Jordan called at the office next day and brought abundance of proof that we were mistaken. It was not with Bill White, but with Jim Davis, that he had a row, and it was not Davis's right eye, but his left, which was left sparkling in the saloon after the fight was over. It has always been the policy of the *Kicker* to state facts and facts only. Rejoiced that we did Mr. Jordan an injustice in our statement we hereby make the amends honorable, as the New York dailies call it. Mr. Jordan not only subscribed for the *Kicker*, paying a year in advance, but his attractive advertisement will be found under the head of "Saloons" on another page.

Monday morning, while his Honor the Mayor (who is himself) was transacting official business in his room at the city hall, a Clutch Valley cowboy named Joe Scott sent in word that he was on the public square prepared to take and hold the town. In just thirteen seconds after receiving the message his Honor had buckled two revolvers about his waist and was at the foot of the stairs. His prompt response to the defiance rattled Scott, who put spur to his mule and clattered out of town without firing a shot. His Honor got two shots at the fleeing coward, one of which passed through his hat, but he got away unhurt, and people who met him seven miles away said that he was still on the gallop. The Clutch Valley chaps might as well quit their bluffing and knock under. They could scare the former Mayor out of his boots with one war whoop, but things have changed. The present Mayor (who is himself) doesn't scare and he is bound to run the town on the law and order principle if it necessitates adding ten more acres to the graveyard.

When Professor Westworth Foster came to us as the owner of the only hall in town and wanted to engage it to deliver his well-known lecture on "The Past and Future of Egypt," we frankly told him that our people would be disappointed. When he approached us as editor of the *Kicker* we told him the same thing. When he came to us as Mayor for the license we reiterated our former observations, but he was self-willed and obstinate. He got out his gun and shot at us. The boys crowded the hall at a quarter of eight, anticipating an exhibition of mummies and a boxing match as a wind-up. Some were figured, just as we had informed him they would, that he would pass around a bottle of bugle, 6,000 or 7,000 years old—something dug out from under one of the pyramids. We do not know where the professor is located at this time. After the boys had got through torturing him in a blanket he disappeared in the direction of Polo Montana, and perhaps he is still moving. We would like all others of his ilk, however, that this is a plain town, full of plain people. We like to hear of all anything connected with the United States, from the discovery by Columbus to the investigation by the Pension Department, but we don't go a cent on anything over 500 years old happening in a foreign country. We haven't got any pyramids around here and don't want any, and we run the town instead of the capitol. Our contemporary to cut with a scorching article informing the public that Capt. Bill Henderson had stopped his subscription to the *Kicker* because it did not satisfy him as a newspaper. Our contemporary is off his base, as usual. We heard that the Captain had said he should do so, and we spent half a day looking him up. He wasn't five minutes in deciding to continue on as a paying subscriber. We don't deny that any one has a legal right to stop his copy of the *Kicker* any time so please, but in every instance we shall look him up and demand an explanation.

DEATHS ABSOLUTELY CURED.—A Gentleman who cured himself of Deafness and Noise in the Head, of 14 years standing, by a new method, will be pleased to send full particulars free. Address: HERBERT CLINTON, 8, Shepherd's Place, Kensington Park, London, S.W., Eng.—*Advt.*

Today's Advertisements.

GYM KHANA.
WITH the exception of Final Heat TUG-OF-WAR, the GYM KHANA is POSTPONED till SATURDAY, the 24th inst.

Cap. A. H. THOMAS.
Hon. Sec. Gymkhana.

Today's Advertisements.
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"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA. THE Steamship "ARMARTHENSHIRE."

Captain Clarke, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 5th inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

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Porter, Commander, will be despatched for the above Port or on about TUESDAY, the 6th inst., instead of as previously advertised.

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"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "ARMARTHENSHIRE," FROM ANTWERP, HAMBURG, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all goods are being landed at their risk, into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 9th inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 9th inst., or they will not be recognized. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 9th inst.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd September, 1892. [859]

WAR DEPARTMENT CONTRACT. NOTICE TO BUILDERS.

TENDERS are required for erecting a NEW ROYAL ENGINEERS STORE AND WORKS in connection with the "C" BLOCK, Queen's Road Barracks, in the Hongkong District.

Persons desiring to Tender for the execution of these works must leave their names with the Surveyor, at the Royal Engineers Office, Queen's Road East, on or before the 9th day of Sept., 1892, for Specification and Bills of Quantities, which with Form of Tender, will be issued to each candidate.

The Secretary of State for War does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

W. H. MULROY, Colonel on the Staff, Commanding Royal Engineers, China. Hongkong, 30th August, 1892. [877]

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL. RETURN OF THE STANLEY OPERA COMPANY.

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Hongkong, 2nd September, 1892. [881]

NOTICE. THE SHAMEN HOTEL AND LAND COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above-named Company will be held in the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 2, PATERSON'S BUILDINGS, on MONDAY, the 9th day of September, 1892, at 2 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Managing Director's Report and a Statement of Account of the Company's business to 30th June, and electing a new Board of Directors.

Attention is specially directed, in re the election of Directors, to Article No. 101 of the Company's Articles of Association, which reads as follows:—

"No person not a retiring Director shall, unless recommended by the Directors for election, be eligible for election to the office of Director at any General Meeting, unless he, or some other member intending to propose him, has at least seven clear days before the meeting left at the Office of the Company a notice in writing under his hand signifying his candidature for the office or the intention of such member to propose him."

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 15th inst., inclusive.

By Order of the Managing Director, R. C. HURLEY, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 2nd September, 1892. [878]

KING WO CHEONG.

COAL MERCHANTS, SHIPS' COMPANIES, STEVEDORES, &c.

Are expecting within a few days by the S.S. "BENGLOE," a cargo of AKAIKI COAL, of very superior quality.

MR. J. W. BOYD, Superintendent at Kowloon Dock, reports that AKAIKI COAL GIVES TEN PER CENT. BETTER RESULTS than any Japanese Coal he has ever used.

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Hongkong, 2nd September, 1892. [873]

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Hongkong, 8th March, 1892. [772]

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